

V. RESULTS OF COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITY DIRECTED
TOWARD NEGROES

A. Effects within the Communist Party (White Chauvinism)

Although the Communist Party has consistently advocated full social, political, industrial, economic, and political equality for the Negroes, the application of certain facets of this policy within its own organization must be considered.



The Communist Party, USA, has frequently elected or appointed Negroes, at least nominally, to positions of authority. Two Negroes, Henry Winston and Benjamin J. Davis, Jr., were members of its national committee prior to their convictions in 1949 for conspiracy to violate the Smith Act of 1940. Three other Negroes, James E. Jackson, Claude Lightfoot, and Pettis Perry were alternate members of the Party's national committee. All three have been convicted of violation of the Smith Act, and Jackson and Perry are presently serving sentences under this conviction. In addition, Negroes have frequently held other positions of importance in the communist movement. Doxey A. Wilkerson is a former member of the Party's national committee and is presently instructor and